(d) No.

(e) Yes.

PMs message to Pakistan

44. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any response to Prime Minister's message of peace to Pakistan as spelt out by PM in Parliament in June, 2009 session;

(b) if so, the details of the response for a dialogue between the two neighbouring nations; and

(c) the steps since taken in the light of the Pakistan's response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (c) Subsequent to the Prime Minister's statement in the Parliament on 9th June, 2009, Prime Minister met the President of Pakistan on the sidelines of the SCO-BRIC summit in Yekaterinburg on 16th June, 2009 and discussed India-Pakistan relations. It was agreed that the two Foreign Secretaries would discuss the primary issue of terrorism before the leaders of India and Pakistan met on the sidelines of the NAM summit at Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt in mid-July, 2009.

Visit of US Under Secretary of State

45. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs visited New Delhi to help chart out an Indo-US strategic partnership agenda;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement and the documents signed and worked out as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps since taken in pursuance thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) Mr. William J. Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, US State Department visited New Delhi on June 10-11, 2009. He held talks with Foreign Secretary during which they reviewed the bilateral agenda, considered new elements of bilateral cooperation and discussed regional and global issues of common concern.

(b) No agreement or document was signed during the visit.

(c) Does not arise.

Signing of CTBT

46. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US Government Administration has lately requested Government to persuade India to sign CTBT;